



Washington State Health Care Authority  
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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

**Antiplatelets**

ER dipyridamole /ASA (Aggrenox ®) \*  
clopidogrel (Plavix ®) \*\*

- \* Subject to expedited prior authorization for special populations (Stroke and Transient Ischemic Attack)
- \*\* Subject to expedited prior authorization for special populations (Acute Coronary Syndrome and Percutaneous Coronary Interventions)

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

The Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) will implement the Antiplatelets class on April 1, 2006. The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) will not be implementing this drug class as it is not part of the Workers' Compensation benefit.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at [pdp@hca.wa.gov](mailto:pdp@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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